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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MARR, MU, UK

SUBJECT: MASIRAH ISLAND

REF: MUSCAT 515

1. FYI ONLY: BRITISH DECISION TO TERMINATE THEIR STAGING OPERATION IN MASIRAH HAS RENEWED INTEREST IN WASHINGTON IN REVIEWING AGAIN WHETHER AND HOW WE MIGHT WISH MAKE USE OF AIRFIELD FACILITIES. WE HAVE ASKED AND HMG HAS AGREED TO HOLD OFF NOTIFYING SULTAN QABOOS UNTIL WE DETERMINE WHETHER WE HAVE SUCH INTEREST. WE UNCERTAIN, HOWEVER, JUST HOW LONG HMG WILL DELAY NOTIFYING QABOOS OF ITS DECISION. END FYI.

2. IF YOU BELIEVE IT IS USEFUL, YOU MAY INFORM FORMIN ZAWAWI THAT YOU HAVE REPORTED HIS CONVERSATION INQUIRING  
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ABOUT WASHINGTON'S POSITION ON MASIRAH AND THAT WE ARE

AGAIN REVIEWING THE MATTER AND WE WILL KEEP HIM INFORMED.  
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